

REMARKS

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for discussing this case on November 10, 2008. The Examiner provided helpful guidance in amending the claims; with respect to the §101 rejection, however no conclusion on allowability of the claims was reached.

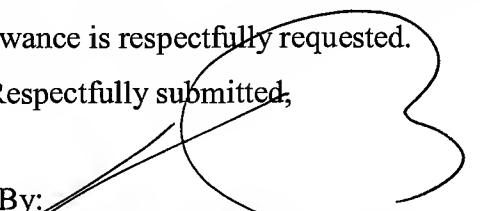
Claim Rejections--35 USC §101

Claims 1, 5-21, 25-48 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed toward non-statutory subject matter.

Independent claims 1 and 21 have accordingly been amended to positively recite a graphical display for displaying compounded strain measurements derived from ultrasonic measurements, or the steps of making such a display to a user. This presentation of graphical information to a user is believed to meet the requirements of §101 in the context of ultrasonic imaging equipment or techniques.

In light of these remarks and amendments, it is believed that claims 1, 5-21, 25-48 are in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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